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TAGS: EFIN, EAID, EG  
SUBJ: PRESS REPORT ON US AID, CONSULTATIVE GROUP

1. CAIRO DAILY GOMHARIA MARCH 18 PUBLISHED PROMINENTLY  
REPORT THAT DEP PRIMIN KAISOUNI AND MINECON EL SAYEH,  
DURING RECENT VISIT TO WASHINGTON, OBTAINED AGREEMENT T  
TO MINIMUM LEVEL OF US AID UP TO 1980 OF \$1.000 MILLION ANNUALLY.  
GOE OFFICIALS WERE SAID TO HAVE MADE CONGRESSIONAL CONTACTS  
WHICH WILL ASSURE APPROVAL OF AID COMMITMENT IN THAT AMOUNT.  
OTHER SOURCES OF FUNDING WERE CITED: IMF - \$160 MILLION,  
IBRD - \$250 MILLION AND FOUR GODE MEMBERS AMOUNT "YET TO BE  
ANNOUNCED." ACCORDING ARTICLE, IMF HAS CERTIFIED EGYPT IS  
PROCEEDING ON SOUND ECONOMIC PRINCIPLES.

2. LEADING FEATURE OF GOMHURIA ITEM, HOWEVER, IS REPORT ON  
MAY 11 - 12 IBRD CONSULTATIVE GROUP MEETING, WITH LIST OF THOSE  
EXPECTED TO ATTEND (ITALY IS REPORTED AS NOT HAVING JOINED  
"OWING TO HER ECONOMIC CIRCUMSTANCES"). GOE DELGATION WILL BE  
HEADED BY KAISOUNI AND EL SAYEH, ACCORDING GOMHURIA, AND MEETING  
WILL BE DIRECTED TOWARD ATTRACTING MULTILATERAL OR BILATERAL  
AID TO EGYPT FROM PARTICIPANTS. ARTICLE NOTES THAT CONCLUSION  
OF BILATERAL ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE AGREEMENTS IS MORE LIKELY.

3. COMMENT: AS DEPARTMENT IS AWARE, DR. KAISOUNI HAS NOT  
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YET RETURNED FROM LONDON. WE HAVE NO IDEA WHERE PRESS GOT  
INFORMATION ON ALLEGED US AID COMMITMENT TO 1980.  
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